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Applicant: Howard J. Farr, et al.)
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and Strip Coatings from Hardware)

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

As a result of a restriction requirement made final in parent application Serial No. 09/425,556, filed October 22, 1999, Applicants submit this preliminary amendment in a divisional application therefrom.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

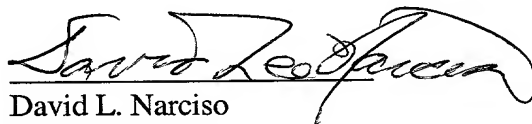
Page 1, **line 1**, please amend first paragraph to read:

This is a division of Patent Application Serial No. 09/425,556, filed October 22, 1999, still pending, which patent application claims priority to Provisional Application Serial No. 60/108,072, filed November 12, 1998.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-9, 11-14, and 16-22.

Respectfully submitted,



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